

DEPT. OF JUSTICE ENTERED FIGHT ONLY YESTERDAY

Gregory Contradicts Williams
in Controversy Around
Riggs Bank.

WAS NOT CONSULTED

Comptroller Said Brandeis
Had Been Retained for
Some Time.

COUNTERSTATEMENT BY BANK

Financiers' Reply to Treasury Official
Charges 'Gross Perversion of Truth'
as to Officers' Brokerage Business.

Events moved rapidly yesterday in the pending legal battle between the Riggs National Bank and the officers of the Treasury Department. Following a conference at the department of Justice between the Attorney General, Comptroller Williams, and A. Bruce Bielaski, of the Bureau of Investigation, it was announced that Louis D. Brandeis, of Boston, had been employed as special counsel to represent the department of Justice in the injunction proceedings. In response to a telegram Mr. Brandeis reached Washington this morning to take up the case.

An issue was raised between Comptroller Williams and the Riggs Bank officers over the appointment of Mr. Brandeis. Mr. Williams in his statement issued last evening had asserted that "The recent investigation of affairs of the Riggs National Bank disclosed irregularities and unlawful practices on the part of certain officers of sufficient importance to merit their reference to the department of Justice and that department engaged the services of Louis D. Brandeis, of Boston, some weeks ago as special counsel in the case."

Statement by Department.

Later tonight the department of Justice issued this statement officially:

"The department of Justice has employed Mr. Brandeis as special counsel to assist in the defense of the injunction proceedings brought by the Riggs National Bank. Up to the filing of the suit yesterday, the department of Justice had not had before it for official consideration the controversies between the Treasury Department and the Riggs National Bank, but knew in a general way, that those existed and might result in some character of litigation. The department of Justice and the Treasury Department are in accord and heartily cooperating in this suit."

"That statement," said Frank J. Hogan, of the counsel for the Riggs Bank, tonight, "shows that Comptroller Williams misled the public when he charged in the press that Mr. Brandeis had been employed 'weeks ago' in connection with 'irregularities and unlawful practices on the part of certain officers.' Having been thus shown by the department of Justice to have been too enthusiastic in his statements of alleged facts the public probably will be cautious in accepting all he says as properly reporting the real facts."

Secretary McAdoo, who has just recovered from an operation, declined to discuss the case. At his office it was said the official statement of Comptroller Williams would stand for the department.

Without setting it forth as a controlling precedent, Treasury officials yesterday did call attention to a decision of the Federal Court of Appeals last year, in which it was held that the exercise of the powers granted by law to the Comptroller of the Currency was not subject to review by the courts. On the contrary, Comptroller Williams expressed his readiness and willingness that the case should proceed in the courts and reiterated his belief that the department's case was well founded. He asserted that the officers of the bank had been guilty of irregularities "which were reprehensible," but which he said did not affect the acknowledged solvency of the institution.

Mr. Williams insisted yesterday that in the presence of the Treasury officials Vice President Allen, of the Riggs Bank, had admitted that he knew of the facts used in the so-called "attack" upon the Comptroller's office in connection with the settlement of the affairs of the United States Trust Company, as printed in a New York paper and believed them to be true. This is denied under oath by all the Riggs officials present at the conference at which this subject was discussed. Mr. Williams yesterday also denied that any threat had been made against the Riggs Bank by Secretary McAdoo as charged in the petition and asserted that this incident had been "garbled and exaggerated out of all question."

When this case is heard it promises

Closed U. S. Offices Mark Day of Lincoln's Death

President Wilson yesterday issued this executive order for the observance of the fiftieth anniversary of the death of Abraham Lincoln:

As an evidence of the profound affection of the American people for the memory of Abraham Lincoln, it is hereby ordered that the executive offices of the United States shall be closed and that the national flag be displayed at half-mast upon all Federal buildings and at all forts and military posts and naval stations and on all vessels of the United States, and that the representatives of the United States in foreign countries shall in like manner pay appropriate tribute to his memory, on Thursday, April 15, 1915, the fiftieth anniversary of his death.

The owners and masters of all merchant ships of the United States are requested similarly to display the national flag at half-mast.

WOODROW WILSON.
The White House,
13 April, 1915.

HUERTA HERE TO STUDY MEXICO, IS ADMISSION

Wants to Watch It from Close
Range, Interpreter
Declares.

Special to The Washington Herald.
New York, April 13.—Through his interpreter, Gen. Victoriano Huerta, formerly President of Mexico, who arrived from Spain last night, admitted today that he came to the United States to study affairs in Mexico at close range. Gen. Huerta could not be seen personally, remaining in seclusion in his apartment in the Ansonia Hotel.

Upon being asked about the report that Gen. Huerta had offered his military services to the European countries, the interpreter said:

"That report is untrue. Gen. Huerta is interested only in the situation in his native land."

DETAILS DEFECTS IN HARRISON LAW

Commerce Chamber Adopts
Report Citing Loopholes in
Anti-drug Act.

FIENDS CAN GET "DOPE"

Paregoric Contains Almost Half Al-
cohol and 1.9 Grains of Opium,
Says Health Committee.

Without discussion and with but one or two dissenting voices, the Chamber of Commerce last night voted to adopt a report of its committee on public health condemning the Harrison anti-drug act as inadequate, inconsistent and working injuriously upon the poor. The report pointed out loopholes in the new law through which fiends still may procure "dope."

Dr. Lewis J. Battle, chairman of the public health committee, who paved the way for the chamber's investigation, presented the committee's report. Dr. Battle, in a recent explanation of his activity in starting the chamber's inquiry, said:

"My eyes were opened by The Herald's campaign. When the Harrison anti-drug act was passed, I began a close study of the new law with the result that I find inconsistencies in it which make its enforcement not so difficult as at first appears. In fact, certain preparations containing drugs are placed under no ban and are open to all."

Cites Defects in Law.
The report of the committee on public health further stated:

"We heartily approve the majority of provisions of the law, deeming it a step in the right direction. However, the law is inadequate in that it fails to regulate the sale of paregoric, which contains .63 alcohol and 1.9 grains of opium, and which may be purchased in two-ounce lots to any amount desired." It cited several other defects in the law.

The report also directed the chamber's committee on law to learn whether the new law supersedes the old District pharmacy act. The committee on public health, in addition to Dr. Battle, includes Dr. W. P. Carr, Dr. A. R. Shands and Dr. Harry Lewis, superintendent of Emergency Hospital.

RAE TANZER INDICTED.

Conspired Against Wrong "Dear Oliver," Grand Jury Says.

New York, April 13.—The Federal grand jury this afternoon indicted Rae Tanzer, David Slade and Maxwell Slade, her former attorneys, and Alfred McCullagh, a private detective, for conspiracy in connection with the suit for \$50,000 loss brought by Miss Tanzer against James W. Osborne, former assistant district attorney.

Miss Tanzer was indicted on nine counts charging that she conspired to obtain money fraudulently from Osborne, and the Slades were indicted on two counts, one charging conspiracy to defraud and the other charging conspiracy to obstruct justice. McCullagh was indicted on the latter charge.

WILSON DIRECTS U. S. COURSE IN GERMAN CRISIS

Gives Attention to Details of
Reply to Note on Our
Neutrality.

DECISION OF IMPORTANCE

No Issue During European
War Demands More At-
tention Than This.

WHENCE DID MEMO COME?

State Department May Query Embassy
to Learn Who Wrote It—Came
Without Any Signature.

The administration will act upon the recent communication of the German Embassy containing strictures upon this government's neutrality just as promptly as the careful consideration of all the serious possibilities of the incident will permit.

It was indicated yesterday that the matter is regarded officially as of such a vital character, touching even the honor of the United States government, as to make it essential that there be no delay in disposing of it. At the same time, it is felt that no issue has arisen during the war which requires a more careful weighing of the consequences of whatever action may be taken than this. That this incident may prove to be the mark of a turning point of the relations of the United States to the situation in Europe was admitted here to be quite possible.

Wilson in Charge of Question.

For these reasons it may be stated that absolutely nothing will be done in the matter except as President Wilson may direct. It has been made known that the President will give his attention to every detail of the situation and that whatever policy is pursued may be regarded as entirely his.

The question puzzling officials is the precise origin of the German communication. The embassy communication was a memorandum, inclosed in a letter, and, as is usual, bore neither address nor signature. It is practically the universal custom, however, for the statement to be made in such memoranda that it is presented in accordance with the instructions of the government which the presenting diplomat represents. Neither the note nor Ambassador von Bernstorff's memorandum contained the slightest hint as to whether it was to be regarded as a presentation of the views of his government, yet at the embassy it has since been stated to newspaper men that the memorandum came from Berlin.

Does It Express Kaiser's Views?

In such a case, it makes considerable difference whether the communication is to be regarded by the government to which it is presented as a personal act of the ambassador or whether it is to be accepted as a statement of the views of his government.

Exception may be taken to communications presented by an ambassador on his own responsibility without all involving the two governments in any unpleasantness. Since, of all things, the administration is most anxious to avoid becoming involved in any unpleasantness with the German government, it may readily be understood why it is desired to learn in what category the memorandum is to be placed.

It is likely, therefore, that an inquiry will be made soon of the German Embassy seeking to clear up this question. When this information is available, it is stated, the administration will know better how to proceed in the case.

The cabinet yesterday discussed the German memorandum, but Ambassador Gerard's report as to whether it represents the views of that government or was only the personal statement of some member of the Kaiser's foreign affairs organization will be received before a reply will be made.

Reserve Bank Head.

The president of the Inspiration Copper Company is W. B. Thompson, of New York, who is a director of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, and holds a prominent position in the banking community.

In his published statement the Comptroller quoted Inspiration Copper at \$15 without indicating in any way the value of the stock. The reader is therefore given the impression that the par value of Inspiration is around \$100, and as it is selling at \$15 it must be a depreciated security.

Valuable "Cat and Dog."

It is apparent the Comptroller himself was under the same impression and believed that the price of \$15 placed Inspiration in a class with shares of other low-grade properties.

How far wrong he was in his statement is seen from the fact that the par value of Inspiration Copper is \$25. Selling at \$15 the stock would have a market value of 60 per cent of its par value. As it is Inspiration now is selling at \$15 a share, or \$15 above the par, equivalent to 150 per cent.

Among the other stocks listed by the Comptroller as "cats and dogs" were Missouri Pacific and American Can com-



Uncle Sam forgets his perplexing problems on opening day.

WILLIAMS HITS TREASURY AID

Reserve Board Head Is Put
on "Cat and Dog"
List.

'STREET' PRICKS UP EARS

Surprised at Mistake of Comptroller
in Answer to Charges of
Riggs Bank.

New York, April 13.—The Evening Sun says:

Wall Street was surprised today at the blunder made by Comptroller of the Currency Williams in his reply to the charges of the Riggs National Bank, of Washington, in which he presented a list of what he characterized as "cats and dogs" and "wildcat" stocks alleged to have been accepted as collateral for loans made by the Riggs National Bank.

It was apparent to the financial district that the Comptroller in his haste to meet the charges of the Riggs Bank, had lost sight of the fact that the executive head of the Inspiration Consolidated, whose shares he classes as undesirable as loan collateral, is closely affiliated with the Treasury Department.

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ITALIAN CABINET DECIDES WAR MOVE

Details of Arrangements for Inter-
vention Under Debate—Will
Fight by May 1.

By R. MACKENZIE.

Special Cable to The Washington Herald.
Rome, April 13.—The cabinet council today decided several important military measures, the nature of which is withheld, but they are unofficially admitted to be connected with Italian intervention in the war, which any Austro-German effort now is absolutely powerless to avert.

I am informed from an authorized source that negotiations have been successfully initiated between the allies and Italy as a prelude to the settlement of various questions, which it is necessary to decide before intervention comes.

The most important of these questions is that of a Serbian port on the Adriatic. This has been practically solved and Italy's rights fully recognized, the accomplishment of her aspirations guaranteed, and the protection of her interest assured.

The time when Italy will join the allies is not far distant, but it is not likely to be prolonged beyond the beginning of May.

T. R. AND TAFT SHAKE
HANDS—AT FUNERAL

For First Time Since Political Ways
Diverged, They Exchange
Greetings.

New Haven, Conn., April 13.—Former Presidents William H. Taft and Theodore Roosevelt met and clasped hands and exchanged polite greetings this afternoon for the first time since they came to the parting of the political ways.

The meeting was at the obsequies of a mutual friend, Prof. Thomas R. Lounsbury, of Yale, a noted authority on the English language.

The greeting was exchanged in the corridor of Battle Chapel on the Yale campus, where the funeral service was read and where the two former presidents met as pallbearers in the funeral ceremonies.

They clasped hands, each inquired as to the health of the other's wife, asked to be remembered to the lady in question, and parted.

Will Put Swoboda on Trial.

Paris, April 13.—It was announced today that the government regards its evidence against Raymond Swoboda sufficient to warrant his trial as a German spy. He will be tried by courtmartial in Paris.

GERMAN PROTEST FILED WITH U. S.

British Treatment of "Sub"
Crews Illegal, Is
Charge.

ASKS AMERICAN INQUIRY

Retaliatory Measures Against Officers
of Allies Held Prisoner,
Is Threat.

By FREDERICK WERNER.

Berlin (via Amsterdam), April 13.—Germany has protested through the neutral government of the United States against the treatment accorded by England to the captured crews of German submarines, threatening to take retaliatory measures against English officers imprisoned in Germany.

In a note sent by Foreign Minister von Jagow on Sunday to Ambassador Gerard, the former asserted that the treatment accorded to the captured crews of the U-12 and U-8 was contrary to international law and asked that Mr. Gerard make arrangements for a member of the American Embassy at London to make a personal investigation.

Referring to British charges that the Germans failed to rescue those on board vessels sunk by submarines, the note says:

"The inference that rescues were intentionally neglected can be denied with horror."

Threat Against Prisoners.

Commenting upon the threat of retaliatory measures against British officers made in the German protest sent through the United States, the Kreuze Zeitung says today:

"We hold 2,520 British officers prisoners. We are in a position to carry out easily every repression necessary."

Without waiting to learn the result of its protest, Germany already has taken retaliatory steps. It was announced today. The overseas news agency issued the following statement:

"Retaliating against the dishonorable treatment given to captured German U boat officers, the German admiralty has placed thirty-nine English officers in a military prison."

GERMANY TO WAR ON LIQUOR WITH ALLIES

London, April 13.—The war on Demon Rum is about to enlist another recruit.

Following the lead of Russia, which has placed a ban on vodka, France, which has prohibited the sale of absinthe, and England, which is curtailing the drinking of spirits, Germany is about to publish an edict prohibiting the sale of distilled liquors in schools.

The decree will prevent the German working man from obtaining "schnapps," his traditional drink, until after the war.

SHOOTS MRS. KEITER, THEN KILLS HIMSELF

Frank Robey Fired Bullet Into Body
of Woman He Didn't Know
at Cherrydale, Va.

Obsessed with homicidal and suicidal mania, Frank Robey, a young mechanic, of 111 South Lee street, Alexandria, Va., yesterday afternoon called at the residence of an utter stranger, Mrs. W. I. Keiter, of Cherrydale, Va., borrowed from her some writing paper, walked into her parlor, penned a farewell note, ordered her not to move, shot her three times, and then blew off his brains.

Mrs. Keiter, who is the wife of an employee of the Weather Bureau, was shot through the hand, arm, and in the back just below the shoulder. Her condition is not regarded as serious.

Robey yesterday morning went to Cherrydale to visit his sister, a Mrs. McDonald. Upon finding her absent, he went to the Keiter home. After shooting Mrs. Keiter he threatened to shoot Hester Wagner, 13, if she moved. He then pointed the revolver to his temple and fired.

The note penned was to Mrs. Mary Sennell, a sister, with whom he lived in Alexandria. In it he said he had started out with the intention of killing two men, but had reached the conclusion that they were so mean it would be a shame to waste lead on them. A half-pint bottle of whiskey with one-third of the contents gone was in his pocket.

NAKED AND TIED, WOMEN WHIPPED

Mother Tells Court Suffer-
ings of Herself and
Daughter.

'POSSUM HUNTERS TRIED

Father and Son Forced to Look on
While Men Wild Rawhide.
Boy Almost Hanged.

Bowling Green, Ky., April 13.—The story of a woman, aged 65, being tied to a tree and her naked body lashed with a whip by "possum hunters" was told in Circuit Court here today in the presence of a large crowd of spectators by Mrs. Katherine Webster, the victim.

She and her family were awakened after midnight by a band of masked men who had broken into the house, she said. She, her husband, their daughter, their son and his wife were tied barefooted from the house and taken into a woods. While she was being whipped, Mrs. Webster declared her cries were stifled with a gag.

Daughter Under Lash.

Luella Webster, her daughter, was given the same treatment, while the other members of the family were forced to look on, she asserted, and after their son was whipped he was pulled off the ground with a rope around his neck several times in an effort to compel him to tell who had fired on the "possum hunters" when they were near the Webster home.

C. P. Jenkins, one of the alleged leaders of the gang who attacked the Webster family, is on trial.

FLYING WHITE FLAG,
PEACE SHIP SAILS

Women Must Haul Banner Down
When They Strike War Zone.
Is Rule.

New York, April 13.—At the masthead of the steamer Noordam, when she sailed for Rotterdam today, floated the white flag of the Woman's Peace Party, fifty members of which were on board en route to attend a conference at The Hague on April 28. Inscribed in blue letters on the flag was the word "Peace."

The flag is the creation of Miss Madeline Doty, of New York. Permission to fly the flag was granted by the steamship company on condition that it was taken down when the Noordam reached the English Channel. Miss Jane Addams, who is the leader of the party, said she did not know what plans have been made on the other side concerning the conference, but that American women can and must end the war in Europe.

Off to Minnesota's Aid.

Kobe, Japan, April 13.—Salvage vessels were dispatched today to try to refloat the American steamship Minnesota, which went aground near the southwestern entrance of the Inland Sea. The blue-funnel liner Canis, from Seattle, which took off the Minnesota's passengers and mail, is still standing by the stranded ship.

Solon's Brother-in-law Dies.

Baltimore, Md., April 13.—While visiting the home of his brother-in-law, Representative Charles J. Linthicum, at 705 St. Paul street, this city, Mr. John L. Perry, one of the proprietors of the United States Hotel, Saratoga Springs, N. Y., died suddenly today. The body will be taken to Saratoga Springs tomorrow morning.

AUSTRIANS UNDER KAISER TAKE NEW PEAK FROM RUSS

German Emperor Leads Five
Armies in Carpathian
Battle.

"PIERCE FOE," HIS ORDER

With the Coming of Leader,
Defenders Take New
Heart.

OSSOWIEC UNDER FIRE AGAIN

Budapest and Vienna Alarmed as
Russians Draw Nearer to
Hungarian Plains.

By FRANCIS LAVELLE MURRAY.

Special Cable to The Washington Herald.

Petrograd, April 13.—Emperor William is personally directing operations of the Austro-German armies in the Carpathians, according to a semi-official statement issued here today. This attributes the sudden offensive of the Teutonic troops in the Strzy region to the arrival of the Kaiser at the front and an order from him to cut through the Russians' left wing in order to force an abandonment of the attacks being made upon the Austro-German positions at Ussok Pass.

The Bourse Gazette's correspondent at Lemberg telegraphs that the Austrians, previously reported on the verge of complete retreat, have launched fierce attacks upon the Russians along the Strzy, Opor and Swica rivers. Re-enforcements are being rushed to this region, where the Austrians captured hill No. 992, a dominant strategic position, by a night attack.

Has Five Armies.

Gen. Alexander Linsingen, of the German army, with 200,000 soldiers, is conducting the Strzy region operations, having superseded the Austrian commander there. He has under his control five armies.

Simultaneously with the offensive in the Strzy region of Galicia the Germans in Northern Poland have reopened their attacks along the Naraw-Robor front, again shelling Ossowiec and trying to pierce the Russian lines at Jedwabno.

The following statement on operations in this district was issued here today:

"The Germans bombarded the fortress of Ossowiec from 8 a. m. to 6 p. m. Sunday. The fortress replied effectively. The Germans sent four fireships in the form of rafts against Ossowiec forts. Some were blown up by the fire of the forts. Others failed to reach their destination."

"In the region of Jedwabno violent trench fighting occurred yesterday. Bomb throwers were used to some extent."

"Small engagements occurred near the village of Bromierz, on the right bank of the Vistula. We captured near Dembo on the Naraw a German aeroplane and two aviators."

"Near Suwalki we captured four German machine guns and a number of prisoners."

Vienna in Terror.

Analyzing the situation in the Carpathians, the military expert of the Bourse Gazette said today:

"The Russians are continuing the march to Hungarian plains, creating vast alarm at Budapest and Vienna. The danger of the dual monarchy has reached an acute stage. The events of the next few days possibly will have an enormous effect upon the whole future Austrian campaign."

"The Austrians attempt to drive a wedge between the Russian troops advancing in Hungary and Galicia has failed, judging from the large number of prisoners in Russian hands."

"The desperate situation is recognized by the enemy, who is gathering troops from the Vistula, Naraw, South Germany and the Italian frontier."

BETHLEHEM REACHES 154.

'Change Goes Wild as Stock Touches

New High Mark.

New York, April 13.—Wild fluctuations attended dealing in Bethlehem Steel in the final trading on the stock market today. After reaching 155, for a new high, the stock on a skyrocket drive, the issue dropped rapidly as it rose and was selling at 125 when the market closed. The dealings in Bethlehem Steel were attended by the wild excitement on the floor of the exchange.

300 CAUGHT UNDER SEA.

Jap Miners Entrapped 700 Feet

Down—Rescue Impossible.

Tokyo, April 13.—Three hundred miners were buried alive by a cave-in that wrecked the interior of a colliery that has been mined under the sea near Shimoda, Japan. The entrapped miners are 700 feet below the surface, and it is believed that their rescue is impossible.